

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the amended paragraph shown below. A copy of amended page 1, marked to show the changes that are made in the replacement paragraph pursuant to this Amendment, is appended as Attachment A.

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/078,761 filed May 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,150,102 that issued November 21, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/018,248 filed February 3, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,726 that issued July 4, 2000. This application also claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/086,654 filed May 26, 1998. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to appear as the rewritten claims shown below. An attachment that provides copies of these claims as previously presented, marked-up to show the changes that are made in the rewritten claims, is appended to this Amendment as Attachment B.